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Nutrition Service Providers

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NOTE:

Please ensure that appropriate staff members in your organization and other appropriate contacts are informed of the contents of this transmittal

Changes in Nutrition Procedure Codes and Electronic Billing Format

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The Maryland Medical Assistance Program is changing its procedure codes and billing formats. We are making these changes to comply with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).

Effective April 1, 2004, the Maryland Medical Assistance Program will change the nutrition procedure codes as explained in the attached chart. Additionally, beginning on or before April 1, 2004, the claim transactions from Nutrition Providers to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) must utilize:

Electronic Transactions: Providers must utilize the X12N 837P. (Ideally, you should begin submitting on this claim type on or before April 1, 2004. However, if your software vendor is not prepared to start processing the 837P, continue billing with your current electronic format until your vendor updates your billing system and completes testing.); or

- Paper Transactions: Providers should continue submitting paper transactions using the CMS-1500 form.

If you have questions, contact the appropriate Program listed on the attached chart.



## **Nutrition Services Procedure Codes**

**Effective April 1, 2004- Date of Service**

<b>OLD CODE<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>RECIPIENT'S PROGRAM</b>	<b>AGE</b>	<b>NEW CODE<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>CONTACT INFORMATION</b>
W9089	Early & Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT) Program	0-20 years	S9470	1-877-4MD-DHMH (Toll Free) or 410-767-1485
W9094	Healthy Start Program: High-Risk Nutritional Intervention Services for Pregnant Women	Not Age Specific	S9470-TH <sup>3</sup>	410-767-6750
W9205	Rare and Expensive Case Management (REM)	21-64 years	S9470	1-800-565-8190

- (1) Use the old codes when billing for services rendered prior to April 1, 2004. **The Program will not pay any claims for these codes for dates of service on or after April 1,2004.**
- (2) Use the new codes when billing for services rendered on or after April 1, 2004.
- (3) Use the modifier "TH"- in addition to the code - for prenatal high-risk nutrition services. Please note that pregnant women must have specific risk factors to qualify for this service.

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## **Nutrition Services Billing Transaction Changes**

**Effective April 1, 2004- Date of Bill**

### **Electronic Transactions**

In the future, all electronic transactions must be submitted as X12N 837P transactions.

Ideally, nutrition providers should begin submitting claims as X12N 837P transactions on or before April 1, 2004. However, DHMH recently learned that some of your software vendors may not be prepared to start processing 837P. If your vendor cannot process these claims on April 1, 2004, continue billing on the current electronic HCFA 1500 until your vendor updates your billing system and completes testing. Please consult your Information Technology staff or billing software vendor regarding these formats.

Companion Guides, developed by DHMH to assist providers with the ASC X12N Transactions, can be found at <http://www.dhmh.state.md.us/hipaa/transandcodesets.html>.

Providers who send electronic transmissions directly to DHMH must test for HIPAA compliance before they can transmit actual claims. DHMH offers free testing for its trading partners that can be accessed at: <http://www.dhmh.state.md.us/hipaa/testinstruct.html>. This testing tool provides information on test files and errors.

### **Trading Partner Agreement and Submitted Identification Form**

DHMH must have both the Trading Partner Agreement and Submitter Identification Form on file for each provider before accepting any HIPAA electronic transactions including 837P claims. If you have more than one provider number, you must submit separate Trading Partner Agreements and Submitter Identification Forms for each provider number.

Both forms have a contact phone number if you have additional questions. It is imperative that you complete the necessary form(s) and return them prior to submitting electronic transactions. Please mail the agreements to:

Rita Tate  
201 W. Preston St. Rm. LL3  
Baltimore MD 21201  
Attn: HIPAA Billing Agreements

### **Paper Transactions**

Nutrition Providers using paper transactions should continue to submit paper CMS-1500 claims as they currently do.